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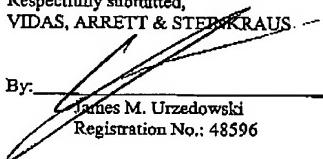
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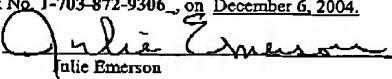
  
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Before beginning examination and calculating the fees in this application,  
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